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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Interdepartmental  
Coordinating and Planning Staff

SUBJECT : ICAPS Coordination Program

1. In response to your memorandum of 18 September, asking for a review of "Tentative Priority List of Projects for Coordination by CIC", ORE in general concurs with the arrangement of priorities in Sections II and III, and offers the following additional comments:

a. "Coordination of Collection" (II,2). This project as it is being developed has become enlarged in its scope to the point where allocation of research responsibilities as well as a coordinated collecting program is under consideration. Such allocation of research responsibilities is considered of high priority;

b. "Intelligence Program for China (II,5). Again the emphasis in this statement is on collection; actually the current activity consists of the preparation of National Intelligence Requirements for China, which will later form the basis for a collection program; and

c. ORE has been informed that CIC is to take over and assume responsibility for "Washington Document Center" (II,6). A proposal to integrate this as a subdivision of ORE is under discussion. ORE is of the opinion that both from organizational and functional points of view the operations of Washington Document Center are not appropriate for absorption by ORE and that other administrative provision should be made for that branch.

d. ORE is interested in receiving information on progress made in the study of the problem of Psychological Warfare (II,9). It believes that experience in this activity which was gained during the past war should not be lost and that some provision should be made for observance of current developments so that possible future demands may be more readily met.

e. The extension to all parts of the world of the project for National Intelligence Requirements (now limited to China) and a similar extension of the project for a Strategic Intelligence Digest or its equivalent (now limited to USSR) are recommended as of high priority.

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